REMARKS

Winsky shows a hand held electronic book machine that provides a scrolling mechanism and also a bookmark mechanism that enables a return of a user to a desired location in the text (Col. 4, lines 5-10).

The examiner alleges that Winsky discloses all the elements of claim 1 except for the element of removing the visual reference mark. The examiner then cites to Blumenthal for the singe element missing from Winsky.

However, the applicant respectfully submits that there are other elements that are missing from Winsky. First, Winsky fails to show receiving user input requesting a show-me operation. A show-me operation is an operation that differentiates between unread and read portions of the document. Winsky fails to disclose any mechanism for differentiating between unread and read portions of the document.

Second, Winsky fails to show performing the show-me operation by displaying a visual reference mark that delineates the read portion of the document from the unread portion of the document. The bookmark feature of Winsky is not the same as the claimed visual reference mark. According to whatis.com, the generally understood definition of a bookmark is the following: "A bookmark is a saved link to a Web page that has been added to a list of saved links. When you are looking at a particular Web site or home page and want to be able to quickly get back to it later, you can create a bookmark for it." In short, a bookmark is accessed by a pull-down list of links from a menu upon which the reader jumps to the new location. There is no visual reference mark indicating a selected location in the pane.

Third, Winsky fails to show performing the show-me operation by smoothly scrolling the document and the reference mark in the pane. While Winsky does disclose a scrolling mechanism for scrolling the text on the display, Winsky fails to describe the scrolling mechanism as having the ability to smoothly scroll the document and the reference mark.

Blumenthal fails to make up for the deficiencies of Winsky because Blumenthal does not even relate to the same endeavor. Instead, Blumenthal relates to search and retrieval of information. There is nothing in Blumenthal that relates to performing a show-me operation that

differentiates between read and unread portions of the document. For at least these reasons, the

claims are allowable.